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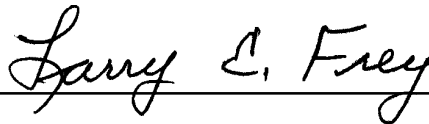
**Oregon Notice
CRP-64**

For: County Offices

CRP MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Approved By: State Executive Director

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1 Overview

A Background

Effective with General Signup 26, all contracts must contain required management activities as part of the approved conservation plan. These management activities shall be designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits, while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. NRCS or TSP will work with the participant to plan appropriate management activities that will create plant diversity for the benefit of wildlife and enhancement of the permanent cover. The participant may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for the management practices.

For participants in CRP contracts prior to signup 26, management activities can be voluntarily performed, with C/S, if participants request to revise their conservation plan to include management activities with the same terms and conditions as established for the required management activities.

B Purpose

This notice provides approved management activities for participants who are required to have them as part of the conservation plan or who have voluntarily elected to add them to the current conservation plan.

The management activities for grass and legume covers are contained in Exhibit 1 and the management activities for tree planting practices are contained in Exhibit 2. Additional management activities can be adopted based on local needs. These must be submitted to the State FSA Office with documentation from NRCS or the TSP justifying the need.

Disposal

Sept. 30, 2007

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Distribution

Oregon COF's

**MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR GRASS/LEGUME PRACTICES
CP1, CP2, CP10**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>C/S</u>
<u>Light Disking</u>	every 3-5 years	fall or winter	50%
Limited to not more than 40%-50% of the area. May be followed by interseeding.			
<u>Mowing</u>	every 5-10 years	after July 15	50%
Limited to not more than 30-60% of the area. If more than 100 acres break into small areas and rotate. Should be used to reduce invasive woody vegetation and enhance grass growth. Leave residue or remove under supervision of FSA.			
<u>Interseeding</u>	should follow disking	fall or spring before March 1	50%
If used for native grass seed in late fall. No more than 40%-50% should be seeded in any one year so not all cover is disturbed.			
<u>Prescribed Burning</u>	every 5-6 years	early spring	50%
Not allowed in air quality zones. If possible rotate so not all cover is burned in any one year. Should be done under the supervision of qualified personnel under an approved burn plan. Should be used to control woody vegetation and reduce buildup of thatch.			

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TREE PLANTING PRACTICES CP3, CP3A, CP11

Western Oregon
Assume 15 year contract

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>C/S</u>
<u>Non-commercial Thinning</u>	once between Year 6 and end Variable spacing is recommended to improve wildlife habitat and plant diversity	variable	50% (\$70-\$120)
<u>Pruning</u>	once between Year 8 and end Improves wildlife habitat, reduces wildfire hazard and improves forest health. Prune 100-200 trees/acre. (Limited to Jackson & Josephine Co.)	variable	50% (\$200-\$400)
<u>Create Openings</u>	once between Year 6 and end Improves wildlife habitat and plant diversity. May consist of multiple small “gaps” or one to three small meadows. One or two trees to remain in the middle of each meadow to promote “wolf tree” characteristics	variable	50% (\$40-\$120)
<u>Slash Treatment</u>	used after thinning/pruning or cutting to create openings Treat or remove slash. To improve wildlife habitat, forest health and reduce wildfire hazard (limited to Jackson/Josephine Co).		50% (\$100-\$200)
<u>Prescribed Burning</u>	1-2 times Between year 8 and end Under burn an established stand of trees to improve wildlife habitat and reduce wildfire hazard (limited to Jackson & Josephine Co).	variable	50% (\$70-\$320)
<u>Plant Trees and/or Shrubs</u>	once between year 4 and end Plant native trees and/or shrubs in openings in the stand or around the perimeter to improve wildlife habitat and plant diversity.	early spring	50% (\$50-\$350)
<u>Wildlife structures</u>	once between Year 4 and end Create cavities, snags, nest boxes, roosts or platforms. (cost range determined by type of practice)	variable	50% (variable)

OR CRP-64**EXHIBIT 2**

**Management Activities for Tree Planting Practices
CP-3, CP3A, CP11**

Eastern Oregon**Assume 15 year contracts**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>C/S</u>
<u>Non-Commercial Thinning</u>	1-2 times between year 8 and end (should be done twice if stand is so thick going to target spacing puts leave trees at risk for snow bendovers. Variable spacing is recommended to maximize wildlife benefits. Do between years 8 -15 for new plantings and year 1-5 for existing stands. Objective is stand health and vigor and wildlife habitat enhancement, lower fire risk).	variable	50% (\$70-\$150)
<u>Slash Treatment</u>	Used in conjunction with non-commercial thinning .		50% (\$100-\$220)
<u>Planting Additional Trees for Diversity</u>	Once between year 1-10 Plant 50-150 trees per acre. Goal is to enhance wildlife habitat and diversity.	early spring	50% (\$100-\$300)
<u>Planting Shrubs for Diversity</u>	Once between Year 1-10 Goal is to enhance wildlife habitat and diversity.	early spring	50% (\$100-\$350)
<u>Pruning</u>	Once between Year 4-10 Benefits stand health and fire hazard reduction. Especially important on edges of stands and where disease may be problem (gall rust, mistletoe).	Variable	50% (\$200-\$400)
<u>Prescribed Underburn</u>	1-2 times between Year 4-13 Wildlife enhancement and ecosystem health.	Variable	50% (\$75-\$200)

